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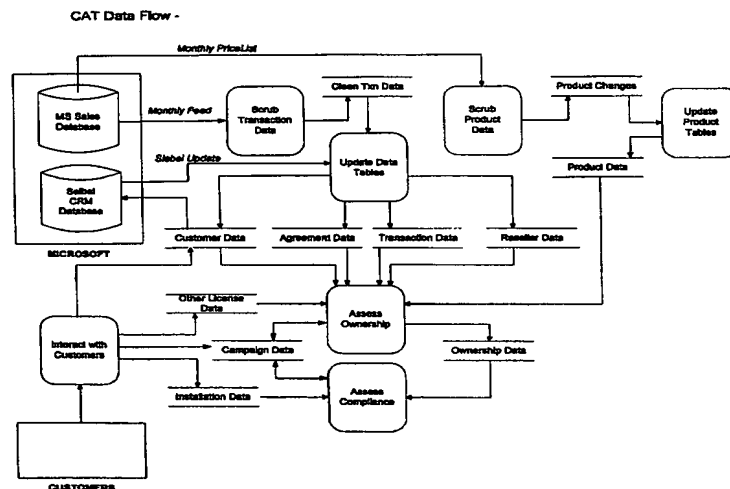
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method, system and software for management of software product licences. More particularly, a method of analysing software product licence data is disclosed. The software product licence data is received from a sales database. The data is then collated into an analysis database and an analysis of the data from the analysis database is displayed. Additional information for the analysis database may be provided by interaction with licence customers. Analyses of the data may include licence compliance by a customer, an assessment of a licence ownership position for a customer, and determination of an appropriate licence agreement for a customer. User interface methods for selecting a software product of a vendor, linking two company names, and displaying linked company names are also disclosed.